It is regrettable that Pakistan has not responded positively to the numerous constructive proposals made by the Indian side over the years for resolving this humanitarian issue. Government of Pakistan, however, maintains that there are no Indian defence personnel in its custody. We would continue with our efforts to seek Pakistan's cooperation on this issue.

(d) India does not have any Pakistani POWs in its custody. However, Pakistan Government have indicated in the past that 395 Pak defence personnel are missing since 1971.

Pending proposals for Development of Ports in Gujarat

3129. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a number of proposals from Gujarat Government regarding development of some ports in the State;

(b) if so, the updated details in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that such proposals are pending for approval since long;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when above proposals are likely to be approved by Government?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) No, Sir. The responsibility for development of Minor/Intermediate Ports vests with the respective State Governments.

(b) and (e) Do not arise.

Ship Repairing Facilities in Public and Private Sectors

3130. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing ship repairing facilities both in public and private sectors are inadequate;

(b) if so, the details of existing facilities in both the sectors; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of existing ship repair facilities in both public as well as private sectors for sea-going vessels are given in statement. (*see below*).

(c) Ship repair industry is open to the private sector. Concessions as available to 100% export-oriented units under Import-Export Policy of the country from time to time are also applicable to the ship repair units. In order to promote ship repair facilities at various Ports, the Ports have been advised by the Government to make available land and water front areas to the private entrepreneurs who may be interested in setting up ship repair facilities at respective Ports.

Statement

Details of Ship Repairing Facilities available in the country for commercial sea-going vessels

Sl. No.	Name of the Port/ Shipbuilding Yard.	Broad Dimensions (In Metres)
(1)	(2)	(3)
	(A) PUBLIC SECTOR	
1.	*Mazagon Dock Limited, Mumbai:*	
	(i) Ritchie Dry Dock	150.88 x 18.59 x 5.49
2.	*Mumbai Port Trust, Mumbai*	
	(i) Hughes Dry Dock	304.80 x 30.08 x 9.75
	(ii) Mereweather Dry Dock	132.40 x 19.06 x 6.40

(1)	(2)	(3)
3.	*Cochin Shipyard Limited, Cochin:*	
	(i) Dry Dock	270.00 x 44.8 x 11.5
	Two Quays	290 x 7.5 208
4.	*Calcutta Port Trust, Calcutta:*	
	(i) No. 1 Kidderpore Dock	157.01 x 19.51 x 8.0
	(ii) No. 2 Kidderpore Dock	143.29 x 19.51 x 8.3
	(iii) No. 3 Kidderpore Dock	102.13 x 14.63 x 7.8
	(iv) No. 1 Netaji Subhash Dock	172.26 x 22.87 x 10.0
	(v) No. 2 Netaji Subhash Dock	176.85 x 22.87 x 10.0
5.	*Hooghly Dock & Port Engineers Ltd., Calcutta:*	
	(i) Salkia Dry Dock	92.0 x 11.0 x 7.0
6.	*Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam:*	
	(i) Dry Dock	240.0 x 38.0 x 8.10 Can take upto 57,000 DWT but size limited to 640 ft.
	Basin	Two arms 225 - 167 accommodate 40,000 DWT.
7.	*Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd. Calcutta.*	
West Basin and River Side Jetty		
	(B) Private Sector	
1.	*Western India Shipyard Ltd. Goa*	
	(i) Floating Dry Dock	210 x 42 Capacity 20,000 T lifting capacity
	(ii) One Graving Dock	For docking ship 85 x 14 M size.
	(iii) One Repair Jetty	160
2.	*Chakhani International Ltd., Madras*	
	Two Floating Docks	(i) 14,000 T lifting capacity 190 x 32 (ii) 2400 T lifting capacity 100 x 19
3.	*Magdalla Shipyard Ltd., Surat*	
	Shiplift	125.0 x 22.5 x 5.5

Allocation for improvement of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

3131. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation for improvement of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh in 1996-97, district-wise; and

(b) the steps proposed to improve the National Highways in West and East-Godavari districts in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) The following allocation of funds has been made for improvement of National Highway in Andhra Pradesh during 1996-97:

(i) Original works	Rs. 21.00 crores
(ii) Externally Aided Projects	Rs. 16.00 crores

The allocation is made for the entire State and not district-wise